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In re application : Cohn et al.  
 Application No. : 10/647,657  
 Filed : August 25, 2003  
 Confirmation No. : 2131  
 For : SUTURE SYSTEM  
 Examiner : Gary Jackson  
 Attorney's Docket : BIH-002AX

TC Art Unit: 3731

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

VIA FACSIMILE  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application. Authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$395.00) per §1.17(e).

[ ] Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ per §1.116.

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Transmitted herewith are the following:

- Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit/Declaration  
 Information Disclosure Statement  
 A Petition for Extension of Time for 4 month(s) is hereby made, under provisions of §1.136(a); authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 in the amount of (\$795.00) for the cost of same  
 Other: Amendment Transmittal

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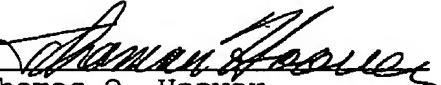
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**REMARKS**

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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